

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 02182 142117Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-04 INR-07 L-03 ACDA-07
NSAE-00 PA-01 SS-15 PRS-01 SP-02 USIA-06 TRSE-00
NSC-05 H-01 AID-05 DHA-02 HEW-04 IO-13 /089 W
-----150529Z 078209 /17

R 141930Z APR 77
FM USMISSION NATO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2874
SECDEF WASHDC
INFO FEDERAL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY-GSA WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 2182

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MPOL, NATO, SWEL, MARR
SUBJECT: NATO PEACETIME DISASTER RELIEF

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF PO/77/49 PROMULGATED ON
APRIL 12, 1977 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A NATO PEACETIME
DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION, WHICH ESTABLISHES A SUSPENSE
DATE OF APRIL 26, 1977 FOR CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE
UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. WE WILL PROVIDE COMMENTS BY
SEPTEL. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY APRIL 25,
1977.

BEGIN TEXT:

A NATO PEACETIME DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECALL THAT WHEN MY
PO/74/7 WAS DISCUSSED IN COUNCIL, IT WAS AGREED(1) TO COMMISSION
A MORE DETAILED STUDY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A
NATO PEACETIME RELIEF ORGANIZATION.

2. THIS STUDY WAS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL IN MY PO/74/62
AND THE COUNCIL INVITED THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, THE INTERNA-
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 02182 142117Z

TIONAL MILITARY STAFF AND THE NATO MILITARY COMMANDERS TO
CONTINUE WORK ALONG THE LINES SET OUT IN THE PO, WITHOUT COMIT-
MENT BY DELEGATIONS(2).

3. THE FOLLOW-UP ACTION WAS TAKEN UP BY THE INTERNATIONAL
MILITARY STAFF IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS
BUT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAD TO REPORT TO
ME SOME TIME AGO THAT AFTER MORE THAN TWO YEARS NO CONSENSUS
IN FAVOUR HAD EMERGED AND THAT TO THE CONTRARY STRONG RESERVA-
TIONS HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE BY

SEVERAL NATIONS, WHO, IN THE PAST, HAVE BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT
IN PROVIDING RELIEF ON A BILATERAL BASIS AND SOME OF WHOM
HAVE STATED OBJECTIONS EVEN TO ANY FURTHER STUDY BY THE MNCS.

4. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT ALSO IN THE COUNCIL NO CLEAR
CONSENSUS WAS REACHED ON THE CONCEPT OF A NATO PEACETIME
DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION.

5. IN THE LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, I HAVE RELUCTANTLY
CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NO POINT IN PURSUING THE MATTER FURTHER
AND SUGGEST THAT THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO REAFFIRM THAT AS FAR
AS DISASTER RELIEF ACTION WITHIN NATO IS CONCERNED, THIS SHOULD
REMAIN WITH THE CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING DIRECTORATE, ACCORD-
ING TO THE PROCEDURES APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL IN C-M(58)102,
1971 EDITION.

(1) C-R(74)9
(2) C-R(74)33

6. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DOCUMENT, THE CIVIL
EMERGENCY PLANNING DIRECTORATE ACTS AS A STANDBY MECHANISM TO
PROVIDE FOR THE RAPID DISSEMINATION TO MEMBER COUNTRIES OF
OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON THE OCCURRENCE OF A MAJOR NATURAL DIS-
ASTER WITHIN THE ALLIANCE AND FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS EXCHANGE OF
EMERGENCY INFORMATION, THROUGH THE NATO-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 NATO 02182 142117Z

SYSTEMS, ON THE ASSISTANCE NEEDED BY A STRICKEN COUNTRY AND
THE ASSISTANCE BEING FURNISHED BILATERALLY BY OTHER MEMBER
COUNTRIES, THUS DECREASING THE POSSIBILITY OF UNNECESSARY
SUPPLIES AND DUPLICATION AND HELPING TO OVERCOME SERIOUS GAPS
IN THE PROVISION OF CRITICALLY NEEDED GOODS. AS YOU KNOW, THE
PROCEDURES HAVE WORKED WELL DURING RECENT MAJOR DISASTERS IN
TURKEY AND ITALY AND THEIR APPLICATION IS BEING CONTINUOUSLY
IMPROVED IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED.

7. UNLESS I HEAR TO THE CONTRARY BY 26TH APRIL, 1977, I
WILL ASSUME THAT THE COUNCIL ENDORSES THE CONCLUSION I HAVE
DRAWN IN PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE.

END TEXT.
STRAUSZ-HUPE

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 30-Aug-1999 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 14-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977NATO02182
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Expiration:
Film Number: n/a
Format: TEL
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t197704102/baaabcyo.tel
Line Count: 103
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Message ID: cbf8b39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2665993
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NATO PEACETIME DISASTER RELIEF
TAGS: MPOL, NATO, SWEL, MARR
To: STATE SECDEF MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/cbf8b39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009